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Examiner Prone:

Further to our telephone discussion today, attached are the documents we filed on April 12, 2007. Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you might have. Thank you.

Application No.: 10/614,550
Filing Date: July 7, 2003
Applicants: Robert G. Metzger et al.
Group Art Unit: 3738
Examiner: Christopher D. Prone
Title: ELONGATED FEMORAL COMPONENT
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**CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b);
REQUEST FOR AMENDED OFFICIAL FILING RECEIPT;
SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION DATA SHEET**

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b), Applicants respectfully request amendment of the inventorship of this application. Specifically, Applicants request deletion of Thomas Donaldson as an inventor. Deletion of Mr. Donaldson as an inventor is necessary because he did not contribute to the currently claimed subject matter.

The currently claimed subject matter, Claims 29-31 of the Supplemental Amendment filed herewith, includes only subject matter of the application as originally filed on May 15, 2001. Only Robert Metzger and Troy Hershberger are inventors of the subject matter of the original application filed on May 15, 2001. Thomas Donaldson is not an inventor of the subject matter of the application filed May 15, 2001.

The processing fee set forth in Section 1.17(i) is enclosed.

Due to the change in inventorship, Applicants respectfully request issuance of a corrected filing receipt that does not include Mr. Donaldson as an inventor.

Applicants also now enclose a Supplemental Application Data Sheet that deletes Mr. Donaldson as an inventor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: Apr. 12, 2007

By: R.W. Warner

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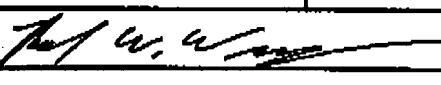
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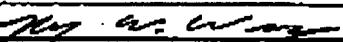
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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
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1311	200	2311	100	Utility Examination Fee
1312	180	2312	65	Design Examination Fee
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